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SAYS—

It was our privilege to be present at a meeting in the school building in Sunset addition Saturday afternoon when a hundred or more negro tenant farmers had gathered to hear County Agent Veatch tell them of a way to provide food for themselves and families during the crop season and to can for the winter months. He made a diagram on the blackboard and placed thereon what college agriculturists had figured out should be provided for each member of the family. This was a garden proposition only, and did not allow for seasoning meat, lard butter, milk, chickens—just garden truck. Mr. Veatch stated it would require 35 quarts of tomatoes and 35 quarts of beans for each one in the family, then gave the potato ration and how much to plant as well as other small garden stuff that should be grown one crop after another. He stated he knew nothing about the canning of vegetables. He likewise said he had heard that some landlords would not let the tenants have a garden, chickens, pigs or cow, but didn't know by first hand information. Grover Baker, who was present, stated the tenants on the land that he cropped could have a garden if they wished, also a pig, but some of them did raise a good garden and some none. Mr. Veatch then asked The Standard editor for some remarks, and got them. These remarks were along questions as to how and where these negro tenants would get the seed to plant a garden, and what negro shack had a cooking range and pot to use to can garden truck, and how could they get seasoning meat for their beans and cabbage. The time is to come soon when the landlord is to see that their tenants raise a garden, is to be provided with acreage for a pig, some chickens and a cow, and a patch for corn to fatten his hog. It will pay in the long run to provide a good tenant with these things so he and his family can live as they make the living for the landlord by their hard labor. Sixteen tenant farmers are in jail in Dunklin County for aiding the relief depot Friday and carrying away food and clothing for their families. Tenant farmers are in a dreadful fix and some new arrangement should be made in the near future by landlords to have a heart for those who labor for them.

We have sent back to the linotype machine a religious write-up by G. W. Anderson, but we want it distinctly understood that we do not propose to open our columns for a religious controversy. The only reason we are printing this is because February is set aside as "Go-To-Church" month, and we went Sunday.

There is a great big barn looking building going up in the north part of the city, right in the neighborhood of many of our handiwork homes, that a building permit should never have been granted. We don't know whether it is a dance hall or row of negro cabins, or what, but we believe all in the neighborhood would be glad if it would catch fire at the earliest possible moment.

Girls, check your measurements before attempting to storm the Hollywood gates. Russell Patterson and Rolf Armstrong, noted American illustrators, completed a study of feminine film figures. The announced set of measurements was released while producing "Thrill of a Lifetime." They are: Across the shoulder, 16 inches; bust, 34 inches; waist, 23 inches; hips, 35 inches; above knee, 15 1/2 inches; calf, 13 inches; ankle, 8 1/2 inches; height, five feet four inches; weight 112 pounds. In order to save a long trip to any aspiring Misses The Standard editor has purchased a new tape line and will be glad to offer his services and his tape line to those who have ambition to become a movie star.

SAVE YOUR SALES SLIPS

It should be remembered that every sales slip of a Sikeston merchant who is sponsoring the school contest is worth its face value—one vote for each penny. It should also be remembered that the advertisements of the sponsoring merchants, as they appear in The Standard, are worth votes. Start now, save every sales slip on a purchase that you make in Sikeston and turn it over to your district teacher, that she may credit your school with the votes. And be sure and see that your district is entered.

Negro Held for Criminal Assault on Farmer's Wife

New Madrid County officers hastened to an unannounced jail Johnny Jones, East St. Louis negro about 40 years old, identified as the one who criminally attacked the wife of G. W. Warren at his farm Saturday night at his farm three and a half miles east of Highway 61 where it intersects with the Matthews Lane. Jones, who has been a farm laborer in this section for about two weeks, was arrested Sunday morning by Deputies Albert Henderson and James Whitledge of New Madrid.

The negro allegedly accosted Warren between 8 and 9 o'clock Saturday night as the latter was in the act of locking an outhouse. At the point of a .45 pistol, he forced the farmer into the house, ostensibly looking for his 16-year-old daughter who was sleeping up stairs. Using threats, the intruder forced Warren to the bed with bedclothes and after some indecision about going upstairs, criminally assaulted the man's wife before the eyes of the farmer and young children in the room.

Meanwhile, a young son had run barefooted out the back door and told several neighbors, two

of whom went to Cole's store on Highway 61 and called the sheriff's office at New Madrid. After his crime, the negro fled from the house. Officers came to the home that night but were unable to trace the negro in the dark. Returning Sunday morning, the deputies found tracks leading across a field from the home. These led to the cabin on Kirkpatrick land, occupied by Jones, a mile and half from the scene of the crime.

Jones, said to be an ex-convict, denied the charge. He has a large scar running the full length of one cheek and curving around the chin. Taken to the Warren home, the couple identified him as the gunman attacker. Warren said, he thought Jones intended to kill him and his wife, but that by constant talking to him and telling him there was a God, they convinced him until he wavered and finally decided against it.

Threats of lynching, voiced in several parts of New Madrid County prompted officers to spirit Jones away to an unnamed jail.

Jones came to this section from East St. Louis.

WPA Says Golf Clubhouse Must Be Available to All

Before the Works Progress Administration can proceed with the public park project at the city airport, it must secure from the city a written guarantee that the proposed clubhouse will be accessible to the people of Sikeston as a whole. C. L. Blanton, Jr., assistant administrator at the Farmington office, said here Saturday.

It had been the original intention of local golfers to furnish the \$10,000 sponsor's share on the clubhouse at \$10 a share, limiting the membership to 100 or slightly more persons. Without this arrangement the \$5,000 clubhouse could not be built, because the city of Sikeston is unable to spend \$10,000 on a clubhouse.

Since Federal funds are going into the clubhouse, though, it must be available to all people of Sikeston, Mr. Blanton said. Perpetual memberships in the Country Club can be sold as planned, but the clubhouse must have some

arrangement so that those who do not buy the \$100 memberships can also use the house, subject to provisions set by the City Council, he said.

For instance, a group desiring to use the clubhouse may secure permission also from the City Council through payment of a standard maintenance fee.

A similar setup has been arranged for the golf links when it is built. Golfers may buy a year's membership or pay a green fee.

No restrictions can be placed on the number who can join the Country Club for the use of the clubhouse or the golf club to use the links, it was stated. As a public institution they are open to all who pay the fees. It is understood the Sikeston people planning to pay for the Country Club memberships and therefore finance the building of the clubhouse will go through with their plans as scheduled.

"Dynamite" Joe Dillman Will Return to Sikeston Canvas

Dynamite Joe Dillman is coming back—coming back to Sikeston to wrestle Jimmie Chapmatt of Milwaukee in the Legion matches at the armory Wednesday night.

The 196-pound Greek is as tough as they make 'em, and at the same time he is a top-notch wrestler. That's a rare combination. Usually when some grappler is exceptionally rough and usually it is his chief stock in trade. He gets rough to compensate for his lack of the fine points of the mat game. And on the other hand, most of the really good wrestlers are gentlemen and let it go at that. No so Joe. He is good and he is onery at the same time.

Chapman will be making his

first appearance in Sikeston Promotor Mike Meroney has him booked at 192 pounds.

Joe-Joe the Pin Head, who failed to make his debut here last Wednesday because of the illness of his mother in Chicago, will make up for lost time in the other match here Wednesday. At 190 pounds he will engage the 195-pound Eddie Malone.

Joe-Joe's true identity is still a mystery, but since his mother lives in Chicago it is unlikely he was snatched in the jungles of Borneo or Madagascar—if there are jungles in Madagascar. Malone knows wrestling down to the last grunt and the Pin Head will need plenty of ability to handle Eddie.

Negro New Deal Club Hears Methods of Garden Raising

The Scott County Negro New Deal Club met Saturday afternoon at the negro school to further plans for bettering conditions of Scott County sharecroppers and to receive instructions on methods of raising a garden.

County Agent F. J. Veatch, Jr., spoke to the gathering on raising a garden, giving some hints for the sharecroppers to follow and distributed blanks on the Negro Live-at-Home Competition sponsored by the Sikeston Standard-The Commercial Appeal. Prizes in this special division of the Plant To Prosper contest are \$650.

Instructions were given on the number of jars of foodstuffs to can to supply a family through the winter, the distance between rows in planting and other pertinent information.

Other speakers were Grover Baker, C. L. Blanton, Sr., C. A. Patterson of Commerce, T. B. Howard of New Madrid and J. E. Gains of Sikeston.

More than a hundred share-

KELLY-WELLS

The marriage of Miss Wanda Wells, daughter of Mrs. H. C. Wells, and John William Kelly Jr., was solemnized at 5 o'clock, Friday afternoon at the First Baptist Church, by the Rev. E. W. Milner, in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kelly.

The bride who wore a suit of black sheer wool, with black accessories, is employed at the International Shoe Factory, and the groom is associated in the service station business with his uncle, Vernon Kelly.

Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly motored to St. Louis to spend the week end.

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Pay Tribute to Founders of P.T.A. at Impressive Service

The day being favorably bright and warm and room mothers having rendered invaluable help by extending personal invitations to a large number of mothers, a crowd of approximately 130 mothers and teachers assembled at the South Grade School Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for the Founders' Day ceremonies.

The program—the first Founders' Day program held in Sikeston—was in charge of Mrs. D. L. Bloomfield, Founders' Day chairman. It commemorated the 41st anniversary of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Silver Jubilee of the Missouri Congress and the first birthday of the local unit.

The meeting was opened by singing "My Tribute," with Mrs. Geraldine Young conducting and Miss Wilma Ragains at the piano. Elizabeth Bloomfield and Joan Burrow's dressed in colonial costumes had previously passed the song sheets and following the song they received the birthday offering. Mrs. Bloomfield in her talk given just before the play, told a number of interesting facts about the history of the organization and explained the significance of the emblem—the oak tree.

The oak tree symbolizes the whole organization. The trunk is the National Congress. The larger branches the State Congresses. The smaller branches are the districts, the twigs are the local associations and the leaves are the members.

Mrs. Bloomfield then introduced the characters of the play "Reminiscence," and an appreciative audience heard the eloquent tribute to the memory of the Founders which was a part of the play. The four parts were well portrayed. Mrs. Frank Schulte being Mother Andrews, who had actually attended that first National Congress held on Feb. 17, 1897, in Washington, D. C.

The party of Emily Andrews was convincingly played by Mrs. G. M. Fowler and Mrs. S. A. Brent and with Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth as program chairman and P.T.A. president were well chosen for their roles.

As the second act of the play came to a close, Mrs. G. M. Fowler lighted two tall blue tapers in "affectionate remembrance of Alice Birney and Phoebe Hearst," Co-founders of the National Congress. "Who lighted the way," Mrs. Bloomfield then lit the one blue candle on the Birthday cake in honor of the first birthday of the Sikeston unit and in honor of the first president of the local unit, Mrs. T. A. Martin, asking her to accept the cake as a token of appreciation of her service.

Trees to be Planted

Mrs. Martin announced that if weather was favorable on Feb. 17, the exact anniversary tree planting would take place at both

schools. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyce will give trees to be planted at Bailly School, which their children will attend, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woehlecke will give a tree for the South Grade School. The pin oak tree planted last year did not grow and it will be replaced at this time. This tree was given by Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Kendig honoring their baby son.

Membership Over 200

Room mothers turned in nearly 100 new memberships before and after the meeting. The organization has not yet reached the membership required by the Standard of Excellence but has made more than a 100 per cent gain over last year's membership. Memberships are still being solicited and will be until April 1.

Nominating Committee

A nominating committee of five was elected during the business session, the following members comprising the committee. Mrs. Frank H. Schulte, Mrs. W. W. Hinchey, Mrs. A. W. Swacker, Miss Adelaide McCord and Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth.

Lunchroom Report

Mrs. W. H. Sikes gave a report of the lunchroom project and also of the clothing furnished school children this year. During the social time following adjournment the crowd inspected the P.T.A. Lunchroom which was open for the occasion.

Study Group Formed

Mrs. R. A. Harper, pre-school chairman, announced the first meeting of a study group open to all mothers of young children for Feb. 14 at 3:30 at the Home Economics Cottage.

The next meeting of the Association will be held March 3 at 7:30 p. m. It will be a Dad's night meeting with Supr. R. A. Harper and the Board of Education in charge of a program on the subject "How Our Schools Are Run."

Attendance Winner

The 6th grade room taught by Miss Lucile Finley with Mrs. S. A. Brent as room mother won the attendance prize having 14 votes cast for the room.

Membership Winner

Miss Dorothea Miller's third grade room at Bailly School with Mrs. Clyde Matthews as room mother won the special membership prize. Ten new members came in from this room during the membership drive which preceded the Founders' Day meeting. Many other rooms had large numbers of new members to report and the organization owes the room mothers a debt of gratitude for their untiring work.

New Bowling Alleys Will Be Opened Here Tuesday

Sikeston's new Bowling Parlor, in the room formerly occupied by I. Becker, next door to Bijou, will be open for business Tuesday.

This parlor has four first-class alleys, equipped with highest quality pins and equipment obtainable. Everything possible has been provided to make for comfort of patrons.

The management especially invites the ladies—and will provide free instructions at all times, and free bowling for them each Thursday afternoon between 2 and 4 o'clock.

Various organizations have al-

GOLDEN GLOVES FINALS AT DEXTER TUESDAY

Finals in the Golden Glove tournament at Dexter will be held on Tuesday evening, Feb. 8, as eight novice champs will earn their spurs. Eight open champions will fight again and for extra measure there will be a battle royal.

RELIEF RIOT STAGED IN DUNKLIN COUNTY

Sixteen people are said to have staged a riot at a relief supply headquarters in Dunklin County Friday, searching for food and clothing.

TO HOSPITAL

Bill Gresham of Sikeston, injured recently in an auto crash west of town, was taken to St. Francis Hospital, Cape Girardeau, in the Albritton ambulance Sunday morning for treatment on an injured hip.

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Howard DeWitt Freed in Fatal Shooting at Salcedo

Justice Joseph W. Myers Monday morning held that Howard DeWitt, 32, shot and fatally wounded John Henry Deal, 51, in self-defense on Jan. 13 at DeWitt's farm in the Salcedo community in a quarrel over a cotton wagon. Deal, shot in the hip by his neighbor from the rear, died two days later in a Cape Girardeau hospital. DeWitt had been under \$2500 bond on an assault charge since the shooting, and his preliminary hearing, held Saturday, was taken to the court of Justice Myers from that of Justice Wm. S. Smith on a change of venue.

After testimony had been heard, Judge Myers reserved his decision until Monday.

Hearing for DeWitt, which occupied five hours Saturday took place in the council room of the City Hall. Neighbors and friends of DeWitt and the slain man jammed the room, leaving barely enough space for the witnesses to come and go.

Milo Gresham, counsel for the defendant, sought to prove that DeWitt was "half-crazy" when he shot Deal.

DeWitt claimed he feared Deal would take his life at some time or other and that when he shot the other man appeared to be drawing a gun.

Nine people testified against Deal's character and one man in his behalf.

Mrs. Deal, the widow, broke down and could not continue for several moments when asked by

Prosecuting Attorney W. P. Wilkerson about her husband's last words at the Cape Girardeau hospital where he died. Her husband, she said, told her he had started to leave the DeWitt home and was shot in the back. Asked what more he said, Mrs. Deal replied: "He was sinking so fast he couldn't talk any more."

Talking for her husband, Mrs. DeWitt said when the two men were quarreling about the cotton wagon Deal had his right hand in his right hip pocket. She quoted her husband as saying to Deal, "I'm tired of you bullying me around and running over me and you won't do it any more." The two were 10 steps apart. Still holding his hand in his pocket, Deal turned and DeWitt fired.

The defendant said he was scared "within an inch of his life." He testified he thought when Deal whirled about he was "going for a gun or something." After the shot, it was brought out, DeWitt kept repeating, "I didn't mean to kill him." DeWitt had asked A. P. Hope to search Deal where the man had fallen for a weapon but none was found, it was stated.

John Williams, colored, told of a fight prior to the killing in which Deal threw DeWitt over a fence.

Witnesses who testified against Deal said he was a former bootlegger.

E. L. McClintock, Circuit Court stenographer, took down the testimony.

Tamale Peddler Arrested on Charge of Two Young Girls

Arrested on a charge of molesting two girls, aged 9 and 11 years, Levi Bailey, 71-year-old hot tamale peddler, admitted the charge Thursday night at Highway Patrol headquarters and was spirited away to an unnamed jail for safekeeping.

The charge was filed by the girls' mother against Bailey, who lives alone in a shack just south of the Prison depot.

The prisoner was taken away from Sikeston because in a similar case here recently the man accused was the object of a mob attack and was rescued by police from the infuriated people only after they had knocked him unconscious.

Officers also questioned Bailey

about like offenses against three other girls of approximately the same ages as the sisters.

The parent charges Bailey on Friday lured the daughters to his shack when they failed to attend school on schedule they were questioned and gave the story about the peddler. Bailey said they came to his shack seeking money for candy. He denied any attempts on other days.

Bond for the man was set at \$5000 by Justice Wm. S. Smith Friday morning. His preliminary hearing will be held soon.

Bailey said he had lived in this vicinity for several years. He was familiar on the city streets as a tamale peddler, carrying them around in an old baby buggy he had converted for the purpose.

Burglars Enter 3 Stores at Morley

Ambitious burglars broke into three stores at Morley Friday night but secured only a trivial amount of loot from two of the places.

A panel was knocked out of the rear door of the Morley postoffice and the door then unlocked from the inside. However, nothing was stolen here, the postmaster told the Highway Patrol.

Entrance to the Black Bros. Store and to Ted Bryant's restaurant was gained by smashing windows at the rear of both places.

At the Black store the thieves took three or four packages of cigarettes and about \$1 in change. From the restaurant they took \$5 in change and a box of mills.

The Patrol is working on a number of clues. "Did you give your wife that little lecture on economy you talked about?" "Yes." "Any results?" "Yes—I've got to give up smoking."

List of Schools Entered in Rural School Contest

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL, Bernice Sanders, teacher.
MINER SCHOOL, Mrs. Jewell Allen and Mrs. James Reeves, teachers.
CROWDER SCHOOL, T. Leonard Cassidy, teacher.
CHANEY SCHOOL, Mabel O'Neil Sadler, teacher.
YORK SCHOOL, Zelpha Dewitt & John Sells, teachers.
BAKER SCHOOL, Mrs. Dallas J. Wallace, teacher.
TANNER SCHOOL, Lois Hahn Fenimore, teacher.
McMULLIN SCHOOL, Ernest Alsop, teacher.
FAIRVIEW SCHOOL, Mabel B. Taylor and Geneva Beck, teachers.
LENNOX SCHOOL, Mrs. Ruth Blocker, teacher.
KENDALL SCHOOL, Carl Gunn and Hazel Byers, teachers.
STRINGER SCHOOL, Mrs. Billy Keith, teacher.
ST. MARY SCHOOL, Mr. Kinley Petty, teacher.
GREER SCHOOL, Alice Schuchert, teacher.
NEW HAMBURG SCHOOL, Sister Dominica, teacher.
BOWMAN SCHOOL, Beulah Parker, teacher.

TALKING MOVIES AT IMPLEMENT COMPANY

Opening John Deere Day this Monday morning, the Sikeston Tractor & Implement Co. showed its four talking pictures to a large crowd which witnessed the show at 10 a. m. The pictures were to continue all day and are to be shown in the evening to school children and Sikeston people free of charge.

The pictures are "Friendly Valley," "School Days," "Champions on Parade" and "What's new in Farm Equipment."

PLAYBOY ENTERTAINERS COMING TO GABLES CLUB

Lyle Page and His Eight Broadway Playboys on Parade will be the entertainment feature at the Gables Night Club, three miles south of the city on Highway 61, for six nights beginning Tuesday, Feb. 8.

The troupe is billed as high class female impersonators, putting on a first-rate musical revue. They have been playing in Kentucky and Illinois, and lately they appeared before crowds at the Cat and Fiddle Club, Cincinnati; Club Hollywood, Louisville, and at Club Lake View, Paducah. They are advertised as the show with the million-dollar wardrobe. Gil Wilson and his swing band will furnish the latest dance music.

BRICK MASON IS ADDED TO LIBRARY PROJECT

A third brick mason is being placed on the library building work, according to C. L. Blanton, Jr., assistant district WPA administrator, so that brick work on the building can be completed by Feb. 20. Then the masons will be transferred to the armory project, where brick-laying is expected to start at this time. Grading work on the airport golf links project is expected to start at any time.

A CORRECTION

A check for five dollars from the W. M. U. of the Baptist church for the P.T.A. Lunchroom for needy school children was incorrectly reported in a recent issue.

RUSSELL-BRADLEY MEETING POSTPONED TO FEB. 15

The regular meeting of the Russell-Bradley Missionary Society of the Methodist church originally scheduled to be held this (Tuesday) evening, has been postponed until Tuesday, February 15.

HOLLINGSWORTH TEAM PLANS HEAVY WEEK

Hollingsworth's Fountaineers have two games booked and two tentatively scheduled for this week. The Sikeston independents have definitely secured games at Gideon Tuesday night preceding the Sikeston High School game there and at Randles Wednesday. They also planned to play Benton Monday evening and Aniston Thursday at those places.

TUMBLING EXHIBITION BEFORE BASKETBALL TILT

A group of High School students trained by Joe Spudich gave an entertaining exhibition of tumbling prior to the Sikeston-Jackson High School basketball game Friday night. This feature took the place of the customary "B" tilt between the school teams.

PARIS BAPTIST BELL BROUGHT DOWN BY JAPS

The fine old steamboat bell, now 100 years old, that was used by Paris Baptists for 80 years and then given to Rev. Frank Connely for his mission church in Tsinjing, China, was brought down by Japanese guns when the city was bombarded and captured two weeks ago. The church and Rev. Connely's school building were badly damaged. The gatekeeper was killed. A native woman mission worker, who was carrying on for Rev. Connely, who is on leave of absence in this country, has never been found. Rev. Connely described the property and made special mention of the Paris bell during an address at the local Baptist church several months ago. He was raised in Shelbyville, Paris Appeal.

Y. W. A. TO MEET WITH MISS CAUTHORNE TUES.

The Y. W. A. of the First Baptist church will meet at the home of Miss Christine Cauthorne this (Tuesday) evening, for their regular social meeting. All members are requested to be present.

TO CAIRO HOSPITAL

Jewell Chaney, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Chaney of near Canaan, was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Cairo Friday in the Albritton ambulance for a operation.

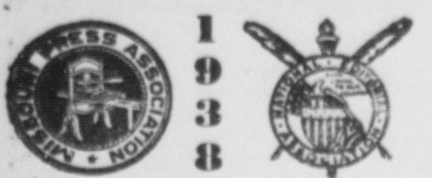
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SIKESTON STANDARD COMPLIMENTARY TICKET

This Ticket Will Admit Mr. and Mrs. Billy Walker Moore Ave. —to the— MALONE THEATRE Wednesday, Feb. 9 to See "THE BUCCANER"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Police Judge

We are authorized to announce W. H. Carter as a candidate for Police Judge of the City of Skeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

We are authorized to announce Brown Jewell as a candidate for Police Judge of the City of Skeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

For City Collector

We are authorized to announce Barney Forrester as a candidate for Collector of the City of Skeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

We are authorized to announce Jack Lancaster as a candidate for Collector of the City of Skeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

We are authorized to announce Charles Eaker as a candidate for Collector of the City of Skeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

For Alderman

We are authorized to announce Vedrel Kirby as a candidate for Alderman in the First Ward of the City of Skeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

We are authorized to announce Frank Miller as a candidate for Alderman in the Second Ward of the City of Skeston at the April election, subject to the will of the voters.

Mrs. Wm. DeKriek entertained a group of friends Saturday night at her home on North Ranney.

Now that Kent Wilson is out of the postoffice at Jackson we judge the Jackson Post is extremely happy and will put a clamp on their guts to stop their growling.

We rather think Congress should think the second time before ordering a large air fleet in times of peace too many crack-ups, and in time of war they probably would be useless. However, we might invest in foreign made air ships or secure foreign aviators to man our home made air ships.

Vedrel Kirby, better known by friends and acquaintances as "Red" has announced for Alderman in the First Ward and asks the support of the voters at the April election. He has lived in this Ward all his life and his ambition is to be of service to the Ward and it elected will do his best to see that his ward gets all that is coming to it.

When Alderman Hubert Boyer moved from Ward 2, there was a vacancy that was filled by the Board of Aldermen by appointing Frank Miller to fill the vacancy. At the April election Frank has announced for election for a full term and asks the support of the voters of that Ward. Dr. T. V. Miller, the father of Frank represented that ward on the Board for many years and there was never a better one. This splendid young man hopes to follow in the footsteps of his father and serve this ward just as faithfully.

If a rattlesnake would crawl down the sidewalk of Front Street at night when the bright window lights were on and cast his eye up to the bright colored dresses on display he would crawl over in a corner and try to get out of his dull skin and get into one of them.

There is no hope of holding the Southeast Missouri CCC camps after June 30 according to word received in Skeston from Washington. This work of ditch cleaning means much toward the health of people living on the land, besides giving sufficient drainage to carry off the heavy downpour of rains that fall at times in this section. Too bad that some one cannot reach the good ear of President Roosevelt.

Advice, no matter how sincere the motive behind it, will stir up nothing but resentment if its purpose is to change a custom. Newspapers found this out a long time ago, although some of them either forget about it or just don't care. The ministerial alliance of a certain eastern city now knows about it, too. Those preachers, with the best of intentions, signed a group

of resolutions and gave them to the public through the newspapers, asking for changes in funeral customs. They urged burial quickly after death, instead of holding the body until the customary third day. They suggested a coffin instead of a casket in the interest of economy. They proposed a burial service without flowers and without fraternal ritual or pulpit oratory, a prayer to be said by the preacher or close friend. They argued against the family accompanying the body to the cemetery for the burial, and suggested that the body should not be put upon exhibition, keeping the casket or coffin covered except in the privacy of the home. The echo of these resolutions was louder than the good men had anticipated. The undertakers and the florists denounced the ideas. The public all but damned them. Ministers from other cities were brought in to conduct funerals. There was a great amount of good in what these preachers suggested, but nobody seemed to want that kind of good.—Shelbina Democrat.

In the proper column will be found the announcement of Charles Eaker for City Collector at the April election. Mr. Eaker has been a resident of this city for the past ten years, is a man of good habits, married, has two children and would like to serve the city in the capacity of collector. He is now operating a Texaco oil station at the corner of Malone Avenue and East Street. He expects to begin an active campaign at an early date.

You may believe what you read in Skeston's second newspaper but if you read that the Auxiliary of the American Legion was to meet with Mrs. Harry Dudley Monday evening, February 7, you needn't believe it because the meeting is to be held with Mrs. Dudley the evening of February 14, so govern yourself accordingly.

The only way to prevent war is to be prepared for it, therefore the Congress now in session at Washington should prepare the Big Stick and have it handy.

As we go to press the crowd about John Deere headquarters is not rated by the dozen but by the hundreds. We paid a visit to that place at noon time and noted the dozen women from the Baptist Church Society trying to satisfy the hungry crowd with sandwiches and hot coffee. The crowd within the building was so dense it was difficult to get through. The Friday edition will give full particulars of the party.

We have always favored swift justice for the rapist whether he be white or black. There have been instances of rape by and with consent. The case of the negro who held up the white man and wife on the road east of Matthews, tied the man and ravished his wife, comes under the heading of swift justice and we mean it. Why not let him attempt to escape and give him justice?

Petitions are now being circulated asking that the Board of Aldermen call an election to vote a one mill tax for the maintenance of library building now under course of construction. This should be authorized by the Board and voted favorably by the citizens as it will not be an additional tax on property as the city has already voted the limit of bonds, but it will be an authorization by the tax payers to deduct one mill from taxes paid to be placed in a fund for library maintenance.

Should this authorization become a law it will place in the library fund about \$2000 per year which is considered sufficient for the proper care of this building. This proposition is to be voted on at the Spring election.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Onyett of Matthews, had as their guests Sunday their daughter, Evelyn and Woodie Hale, also Mrs. Onyett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Stout all of Cairo, Ill.

Mrs. C. R. Auten drove to St. Louis Friday to attend the funeral of a friend. She was accompanied by Mrs. Nona Kunz and Miss Flavia Carroll. Miss Carroll remained in the city for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Nora Kunz entertained over the week end from St. Louis, Miss Clara Vollmer, the fiancée to James Henderson, and Miss Alberta Kaiser and Frank Marzek.

Mrs. C. E. Deal and infant daughter, Ruth Margaret, born in St. Francis Hospital, Cape Girardeau, last Sunday night, expect to be brought to their home here Wednesday of this week. Mr. Deal is an employee of the Standard Oil Company of Skeston.

The card party given by the Catholic Ladies at the Marshall Hotel, Friday night, was well attended and successful in every way. The next one will be given in March.

Gene Rayburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rayburn sustained a tonsilectomy in Cape Girardeau, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Freeman of Emmett, Kansas, who are on a months vacation, visited W. R. Brown the first of the week. They left Monday for a visit with relatives in Dallas, Texas. They spent Sunday at Reelfoot Lake, Tenn., accompanied by Mr. Brown and Mrs. Fern Bowman.

Carl Higginbotham and Perry Wildman of Benton spent last week end here with Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Tatum.

Mrs. Mark Hanner left Monday afternoon for Chicago, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Wendall Goodpasture, who has entered a hospital to undergo an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Frey of near Blodgett, served dinner at their home on Sunday with the following relatives and friends present: Mrs. Chas. Young of Cadet, Mo., the latter's sister, her daughter Miss Bernada, Miss Hazle Johnson of Cadet a friend, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Butler and son Bobby of Cape, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Frey and daughter Mary Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Dume and son Ronal, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Scherer and children all of Skeston, Miss Alma Miller of Blodgett, and the two sons at home, Clyde and Stanford.

The number of first enlistments in the U. S. Navy from the St. Louis Navy Recruiting District, which comprises the eastern part of the state of Missouri and the southern half of the state of Illinois, to be enlisted during the month of February, 1938, is 62 men. These men will be sent to the U. S. Naval Training Station at San Diego, California, and there they will undergo a period of about twelve weeks' training before being sent to duty on board one of the ships of the United States Fleet.

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Scott County Warrants Improved

All 1937 Warrants Being Called For Payment

Somewhat of a record is being made in Scott County in that all warrants issued during the year 1937 are being called for payment, together with interest, according to an announcement made this week by County Treasurer, Emil Steck. The treasurer has notified all holders of 1937 warrants that funds are available to pay same and the interest has been stopped as of January 27th. There are no outstanding bills for which warrants have not been issued.

This condition has not existed for at least 12 or 15 years, since Scott County warrants have been subject to discounts and have been held in some instances for several years before payment was obtained. Persons receiving warrants for services or supplies furnished in the past have always been forced to discount warrants, if buyers could be found, the discount on certain issues running as high as 25 per cent.

Bond Issue Not Responsible

The recent bond election held to vote bonds to provide funds for payments of judgments obtained against the county, did not bring about this condition respecting the 1937 warrants, as the bonds authorized by the voters have not yet been issued and probably will not be issued until about the 1st of March. The judgments were for warrants and accounts of 1936 and prior years, and the proceeds of the bond issue will be used solely to pay these judgments. In this connection, county officials have found that due to other available funds being at hand by reason of no further need for 1937 revenues, enough can be salvaged to apply against these judgments now, and the authorized issue of \$54,221.10 will be reduced to \$50,000.00, thereby affecting another saving of \$4,221.10 plus interest that would have to be paid on the bonds. Considerable interest has been shown by brokers and bankers in the bonds to be issued, and notices are now in the mail to over 50 prospective bond buyers in various parts of the country advising that sealed bids for the purchase of these bonds will be received on February 10th. The County expects to get an attractive interest rate offered on the bonds due to the small amount of outstanding bonds debt of the County.

Spent Only 74 Per Cent

Tax collections likewise did not make this condition possible, since revenue from this source for 1937 fell below the 1936 collections, and in spite of the heavier 1936 collections warrants of that year were not called for payment because the total amount of warrants issued was in greater proportion to the taxes extended on the books and other revenue expected than was the case in 1937, there being issued only 74 per cent of the anticipated revenue, while in 1936 warrants issued equalled 96 per cent.

County officers commenting on

the improved warrant situation today attributed this fact to the methods employed in 1937 with respect to the handling of the county budget, a control system being used to keep the County Court informed at all times as to the balances available in the 48 sub-divisions of the budget, together with a running account of receipts into the treasury. County Clerk, Harry C. Watkins, Jr., said this system had been set up again for use in connection with the current 1938 budget. Although 1938 is an election year, and the Primary and General Elections will cost the county around \$6000, it is expected that 1938 warrants will be payable on the same basis as 1937.

ARBUTUS CLASS TO MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

The Arbutus Class of the First Baptist church will meet at the home of Mrs. Jewell Allen, 515 South Kingshighway, this (Tuesday) evening. Mrs. Brent will be assistant hostess.

FAIRVIEW WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET WED. AFTERNOON

The Fairview Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. Arch Russell Wednesday afternoon, February 9. The project will be Kitchen Improvements. All members are requested to be present, and new members are welcome.

DEATH OF INFANT

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson of Franklin Avenue, died Saturday night after living one hour following birth. Burial was in Carpenter Cemetery Sunday afternoon with Welsh Service.

OUT OF THE FOG COMES SUDDEN DEATH

All Missouri was shocked on a recent January night when a car containing six high school students crashed into the rear of a truck a few miles south of Marshall, bringing sudden death to four of the gay party of six in the passenger vehicle and critical injury to two others—tragic ending to a joyful evening that has had counterpart in almost every section of the state.

"There is absolutely no evidence that any member of this party of fine boys and girls drank anything stronger than a coke during the intermission of a private dance they had been attending," observes Harry D. Griffith, Safety Engineer for the State Highway Department, in analyzing the tragic crash, "therefore we must assume it was merely the exuberance of youth that caused the driver to dash along a fog-obscured highway at a speed estimated at not less than seventy miles an hour—and possibly greater—into the rear end of a truck with six warning lights flashing.

"The driver was instantly killed, so there is no way to determine what his mental reactions were when these lights loomed, but the fact that he scarcely had

time to do anything about it is indicated by the fact that the passenger car was driven into the truck load of cedar posts with such force that it required hours of work and almost super-human effort to pry the vehicles apart."

"These young people will not have died in vain, Mr. Griffith points out, if other children and their parents the state over will take time to reflect that the same tragic sequence of events might be theirs.

Statistical records of the Safety Bureau reveal that approximately 250 highway accidents were occasioned during 1937 by limited vision due to fog, rain, snow, sleet, smoke or dust and that thirty lives were snuffed out in this manner. None of these accidents would have occurred had the person at the wheel driven carefully.

"Safe driving for slow speed, particularly when fog, snow, sleet, rain, smoke or dust prevail, says Mr. Griffith. "When these hazards exist, the speed should never be over twenty miles per hour and often ten miles per hour is advisable.

"Tragedies like that at Marshall need never happen if parents and their children resolve never to violate the rules of safe driving. Parents should not turn their sons and daughter loose on the highways in a big car without an admonishing word, and the children, in their turn, should place some value on the lives of their friends, even if they hold their own cheap."

Statistical records of the Safety Bureau further reveal that, while drivers under twenty years of age do not figure in a great number of accidents, the percentage in which they do carries a large measure of sudden death and permanent maiming.

U. S. PREPAREDNESS

PAISED BY STARK

Louisiana, Mo., Feb. 6.—Speaking on "Preparedness" at a meeting today of the American Legion of the Ninth District, Gov. Stark said he agreed with sentiments expressed in favor of President Roosevelt's rearmament program. "Keeping our army and navy at such strength and in such condition as to enable us to defend our shores in case of attack from any foreign nation would seem to admit of no argument," he said.

Gov. and Mrs. Stark with American Legion and Auxiliary state and district officials rode in a parade in which 14 American Legion posts of the district were represented. The march preceded a joint meeting of the American Legion and the Auxiliary. Business sessions of each group were held in the forenoon. Gov. Stark is a member of the Haney-Pennock Post 370, that entertained other posts at the meeting.

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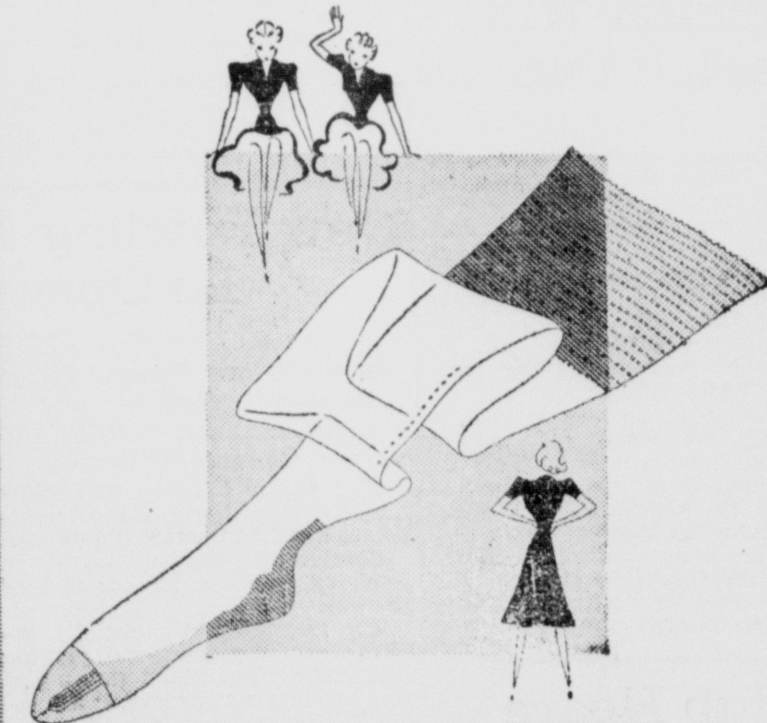
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A WORLD CRUISE

By W. R. Lence

When we awoke February 24th, we will find our train standing at Siliguri, a little station a few miles from the base of one of the ranges of the Himalayas. Having slept for six nights in succession on hard leather upholstered seats with nothing but sheets to soften them, we are pleased with the prospect of real beds tonight in Mount Everest Hotel at Darjeeling. Notice carried on the itinerary says to take nothing, but shall hand bags for the one night's stop at Darjeeling, and to leave all other personal effects in the sleeping cars. Our faithful servants carry the hand bags to a special truck which is to haul them the rest of the way.

Breakfast is served in the little station restaurant. It is nothing to boast about but it answers the purpose for a faint of this kind. The standard gauge railroad ends here, but connects with a little narrow gauge line, about thirty inches wide, which runs all the way to Darjeeling. We are to take automobiles here, but a train is being made up on the little railroad. The little locomotive has no tender. Water is furnished from a saddle-tank which rests on top of the engine. The locomotive is not more than 20 feet long, but coal also is piled on top of it and feeds down through a chute to the fire man. The cars are about ten feet long. None is equipped with air brakes, but there is a lever brake at one end. The trainman must climb down the ladder to reach the lever, and after pressing it down, he sets a peg to hold it. Employees load and unload cars by carrying freight on their heads.

We board American made cars for the next lap, which is 52 miles. I am assigned to an old Dodge, the speedometer of which has already registered 70,518 miles, but she is hitting on all six, and safely carries three of us there and back, over perilous grades. There is a plain about nine miles wide between Siliguri and the base of the mountain range. Irrigated farms over this area are green. A dense forest bordering the mountains also is green, except the flowering trees. A few "Flame of the Forest" trees are conspicuous. The highway follows the railroad, and in many places on the mountains, the one is on the other.

The train dispatcher of the

railroad is also the automobile dispatcher of the highway. Our chauffeur stops at each railroad station for a "proceed" order. Each such order reads: "The Driver of Motor Vehicle No. 39 is hereby authorized to proceed to the next station and is warned that the train, trolleys and motors mentioned below may be met." Then the order gives the number of each kind that have left the next station ahead, and the second station ahead. The need for this precaution is soon obvious: I counted twelve railroad crossings within half mile, and in one place the highway crosses the railroad twice within a distance of about 100 feet. And part of the time we are in dense clouds.

Our automobiles travel faster than the trains, and we pass one train of four cars. At Kurseong, half way station, we stop for rest and refreshments. Tea is in cultivation on the sides and tops of the mountains. Some of the lower peaks are rounded off and are completely covered with the plants. Children wave to us, and yell. Hello, and Goodbye. The summit of the highway is reached at Ghoom, altitude 7,470 feet.

About noon our cars stop on "Main Street," in Darjeeling, and we climb a long flight of steps to the entrance of Mount Everest Hotel. This city of 17,000 is built on the side of a steep mountain, and every foot of level ground in it has been artificially made by terracing. The upper side of the town is about 2,000 feet higher than the lower side. I believe that "Main Street" is the only street in town that an automobile can travel on. Travel is chiefly by ricksha. Down the street a little way from the hotel, there is a street sign which reads, "Post Office Steps." It is 144 steps from the sign to the Post Office; I counted them.

I am assigned to room No. 96, on the third floor of the Mount Everest. It is a small room, with the crudest kind of furniture. A skylight admits a little natural light. The porter tells me that if I want to rest in this room, I may do so, and they will transfer me to a better room during the afternoon. So, later in the day they transfer me to room 15, on the first floor, which is much better. At 12:30, a delicious lunch is served in the large dining room, on the second floor. The large attractive lobby on the first floor has some splendid rugs, and articles of furniture produced locally.

S souvenir postcards are on sale

in the lobby of the Mount Everest. But here, like many other places, they get all they can out of American tourists while the getting is good, and they price these cards at ten cents each. If the wage rates of Gandhi are correct a common laborer could not buy one of these postcards with a whole day's wages. Add the postage, five cents and the entire cost of one of these view cards is fifteen cents. I decided not to spend much money in advertising this summer resort, at fifteen cents

a throw, and shall not mail many souvenir cards from here. On this cruise, the initial cost of cards ranges from three for one cent to ten cents for one card.

Hundreds of rickshas stand out in front of the hotel. After lunch, we board these vehicles, and begin a scenic ride about the city. All of the ricksha-men are Tibetans. They are a cheerful lot, and they are continually wisecracking and kidding each other, in the Tibetan tongue. With only one passenger to the ricksha, there are four huskies to propel it. The need for this number is soon evident; when not needed to pull us up a mountain, they are indispensable in checking our rickshas from running away, down a mountain.

With two tibetans pulling with all their might and two others pushing and puffing from behind, we finally reach the top of observatory Hill. Across the valley is Kanchenjunga, 28,146 feet high, second highest mountain on earth. The sight from here is called the "most beautiful view on face of the globe." Himalaya means "snow abode." Clouds obstruct our view, but we see enough to apprehend that snow abides here forever. The guides direct attention to a pass, through which Mallory and Irvine went in 1923, in their tragic attempt to climb to the top of Mount Everest. By the use of powerful glasses, they were seen up near the top, but they have never been heard from. The ice axe used by Irvine was found, but what became of their bodies is still a mystery.

Beyond this mighty wall is Lhasa, holy city of the Tibetans, where a people in darkness profess to believe that the latest reincarnation of Buddha rules ecclesiastically and politically. Leaders there, and all over the East who exploit peoples by the device of religion, have corrupted the philosophies of the humble Buddha, who voluntarily chose poverty, to mean anything and everything. Here on the crest of Observatory Hill is a holy shrine of the devotees of Buddha. Cloth stretched upon high poles carry the prayers of the rich, and hundreds of thousands of prayers, written on paper, are attached to fences, bushes and every available space. Buddha sees first the prayers posted high, and, of course, answers them first.

The weather is cool, and after a half day spent out in the open, we return to the hotel with whetted appetites. The menu is not disappointing. After dinner, native Tibetans entertain us with their famous devil dance. With grotesque costumes, the dancers look their part.

All retire early in preparation for an early morning rising. At 2:00 a. m., attendants call us to dress. At 2:30, tea and sandwiches are served in the dining room. It is February 25th, and we are more than 7,000 feet above sea level, but the only heat in the dining room is two electric heaters, set on tables. However, we do not suffer from the cold. At 3:00 a. m., we board rickshas again for a trip to Tiger Hill, about seven miles away. The same faithful ricksha-men are on the job, but as this early hour they are more sober than they were yesterday. The people say that it never freezes here except in January, but it is raw this morning, and heavy top coats and blankets, with which we are provided, are needed. I get out and walk pretty often; for two reasons: to get warm, and to relieve the ricksha-men on heavy grades.

We begin climbing a corkscrew trail, up the mountain on which Darjeeling is located. Climbing to the very top, about 2,000 feet above the hotel, we begin to descend on the other side, and then climb another mountain. Occasionally the moon appears through rifts in the clouds.

Upon reaching a point about a half mile from the top, all are asked to get out and walk. The grade here looks to be about 40%. These faithful men have already drawn us nearly seven miles, but one hippopotamus stays in his ricksha. When I passed him, five Tibetans were working their lives out trying to get him up the awful grade. Everybody was glad when they reach a point where they could pull him no farther, and he had to walk.

The object of this early morning trip is to see the sun rise upon the awful scene. Mount Everest towers like a Titan pyramid above an intervening range, about 18,000 feet high. When weather conditions are right, a Titalthe acme of sublimity is seen here as the sun first shines upon these wonders of the Lord's creation.

—Dr. Drace, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist in Sikeston every Thursday. Glasses fitted. tf

MISSOURI POTATOES STOCKS, JAN. 1, 1938

Columbia, Mo., Feb. 4.—Missouri potato growers, local dealers, and buyers had 312,000 bushels of merchantable potatoes on hand, January 1, compared with 83,000 for January, 1937, according to E. A. Logan and Alfred C. Brittain, agricultural statisticians for Missouri, of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. D. A. The holdings this year compare with 188,000 for 1936 and 58,000 bushels for three years ago.

The Missouri potato crop in 1937 was 4,950,000 bushels compared with 2,860,000 for 1936. The use of the 1937 potato crop was 2,240,000 bushels, or 45 per cent of the total for food on the farm where produced. See in the locality where grown totaled 207,000 bushels or 4 per cent of the total and 9 per cent, or 446,000 bushels were used for human food and were either fed to livestock or lost by shrinkage, decay, dumping, or culling. The balance of 2,057,000 bushels, or 42 per cent of the 1937 production was available for sale. Owing to high prices early in the season a large proportion was available for sale last year than for the 1936 crop. In that year 3 per cent for the production was unfit for human food; 7 per cent was saved for seed; 54 per cent was used for food on the farms where grown, or 1,540,000, and only 36 per cent was available for sale in 1936, or 1,034,000 bushels.

In the 1937 late and intermediate Potato States, 67.6 per cent of the crop, or 238,600,000 bushels were available for sale, and in 1936 the proportion was 69.7 per cent, or 213,278,000 bushels.

The 1937 potato crop for the United States was, with the exception of 1934, the largest since 1928. Last year 391,159,000 bushels of potatoes were produced compared with 427,249,000 in 1936 and 406,105,000 in 1934 but the production in 1936 was only 331,918,000 bushels, the lowest since 1926.

HOLLYWOOD STAR-LITES

A real test of a star's popularity is the annual questionnaire sent out by the local trade magazine, Hollywood Reporter, to theater owners. And he should know more than anyone else the most popular screen stars.

In order of their popularity they ranked the feminine stars: Myrna Loy, Sonja Henie, Shirley Temple, Claudette Colbert, Loretta Young, Jeanette MacDonald, Carole Lombard, Irene Dunne, Bette Davis, Martha Raye, Ginger Rogers, and Barbara Stanwyck.

The 12 most important male stars who drew the largest crowds were ranked in order: Clark Gable, William Powell, Robert Taylor, Gary Cooper, Tyrone Power, Bing Crosby, Spencer Tracy, Paul Muni, Ronald Colman, Fredric March, Warner Baxter, and Errol Flynn.

More than two to one was the vote by the exhibitors who said that color films helped in the sale of tickets.

The 12 biggest money-makers of the year of 1937 were: "A Star Is Born," "Waikiki Wedding," "One in a Million," "Thin Ice," "Horizon," "After the Thin Man," "Saragatoga," "Captains Courageous," "Plainsman," "The Good Earth," "Dead End," and "Maytime."

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MISSOURI HISTORY

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Kate Chopin

Mrs. Kate Chopin, distinguished novelist and short writer, was born in St. Louis on February 8, 1851. She attended Sacred Heart Convent, where she studied the then imperative subjects, music, French, literature, a little elementary science and much theology. While not pretending to be a student she was a prodigious reader and declared she learned more from reading Sir Walter Scott and Fielding than from her schooling. Later the works of Darwin, Huxley, and Spencer were her "daily companions" and she read with pleasure Moliere, De Maupassant, whose works she admired and translated, and which produced in a short time an amazing improvement in her technique. She preferred French authors and while saying very little about the English she treated rather condescendingly a group of popular contemporary English women writers. They were, in her estimation, "a lot of clever women none wrong," and she suggested an antidote a well directed program of scientific study to clarify their thinking and bring them a little closer to nature, with which she did not believe they had even a "bowing acquaintance."

Her first extensive literary work, "At Fault," was published in St. Louis in 1890 and it immediately gained local celebrity. While the plot was not especially exciting, the characters were excellent, especially Gregoire and Melicent. "Bayou Folk," a volume of Creole tales, followed in 1894. Some of the tales were mere sketches, but the major portion were meritorious short stories. The facility and exactness with which Mrs. Chopin handled the Creole dialect, and the fidelity with which she treated life in remote Louisiana bayous have not been surpassed. She was by birth, marriage and inclination a Creole, thoroughly democratic, she portrayed sympathetically and understandingly the life of the simple folk she knew intimately. She had no serious purpose in writing, made no attempt to moralize or reform, her sole purpose was to portray. In "Beyond the Bayou" she beautifully pictured the finest slave master relationship and in "Desiree's Baby" and "La Belle Zoraide" she with equal skill portrayed the inevitable wrong and suffering engendered by the sys-

tem. "A No-Account Creole," her longest story in the Bayou Folk collection, contains a superb character creation in Gregoire Satten. A Chicago firm, in 1897, published a "Night in Acadie," and in April, 1899, another Chicago company published "The Awakening."

The appearance of the latter work two decades ahead of its time has been called "the tragedy of recent American literature." Mrs. Chopin was grievously hurt by the attack of provincial critics and never again attempted to write a long novel. However, it is an often repeated error that severe criticisms were so offensive to her sensitive nature that she never again attempted to write. She wrote a number of excellent short stories and sketches between 1899 and 1904. The error is doubly unjust to Mrs. Chopin since she manifested exceptional self-control and presence of mind in the face of acidic criticisms in the early 90's and never for a moment assumed the role of an unappreciated genius, or abuse the editors, but increased her efforts to improve her style.

Mrs. Chopin gained national recognition as a writer of stories for young people. Youth's Companion, Harper's Young People, and Wide Awake took all of her children's stories. "Beyond the devotion of an old negro servant to little 'Cheri,'" was first published in Youth's Companion in 1893. While her children's stories were very popular during the last decade of the nineteenth century, they are somewhat below present day productions in choice of theme and imaginative qualities.

Mrs. Chopin is certain to occupy an increasingly conspicuous place among the local color artists of the late nineteenth century. Daniel S. Rankin, her greatest biographer, says: "Her short stories have added to the stock of our literature's artistic riches, by their quality of vision and insight; they are sharply unique, with a particular subtlety all their own. Her fiction is more than an evocation of Creole and Acadian life."

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DISTRICT OUTLOOK CONFERENCE AT SIKESTON

Thirty men and women of Scott, Mississippi, Stoddard, and Butler counties met at the Marshall Hotel in Sikeston, Thursday, Agricultural outlook pertaining to the farm living as well as different farm products was discussed in a round table discussion, each person taking part in the discussion.

During the morning Ralph Loomis, Agricultural Economist, and Miss Fra Clark, Home Management Specialist, both of the Agricultural Extension Service, acted as chairman for their part of the discussion. Mr. Loomis discussed the needs of the home and farm particularly educational, religious, and dental and medical needs. It was the general consensus of opinion of those present that in most cases school facilities were adequate to take care of the educational needs, that while small rural churches had been abandoned in some sections other churches had increased their attendance, fully 50 per cent of the people did not have adequate medical and dental attention.

Miss Clark acted as chairman for the discussion for the home needs. It was generally agreed that a better farm income in 1937 had resulted in home repairs and in some cases new homes. The general outlook for farm income in 1938 is expected to be somewhat smaller than in 1937. This can be offset somewhat by raising more food at home and preserving the food that is raised.

Gordon B. Nance, Agricultural Economist, led the discussion for men in the afternoon and Miss Clark for the women. Mr. Nance discussed the Agricultural outlook of various farm products. In most cases the income is expected to be smaller, however, food stuffs and feed stuffs will also be lower. The production figure in hogs appears to have reached its low point and production will

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vs. No. 5687.
William E. Gordon, Defendant.
Now on this 21st day of January, 1938, in vacation of the Circuit Court of Scott County, Missouri, comes the Plaintiff herein by her Attorneys, Blanton & Montgomery, and files her Petition for Divorce duly verified by Affidavit, alleging therein, among other things, that the Defendant, William E. Gordon, is a non-resident of the State of Missouri and cannot be served with process in this State in the manner required by law.

Whereupon, It Is The Order of The Undersigned, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Scott County, Missouri, in Vacation, That publication be made notifying said Defendant, William E. Gordon, that the Plaintiff has commenced an action against him by petition in the Circuit Court of Scott County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to dissolve the Bonds of Matrimony now existing between Plaintiff and Defendant and to obtain custody of child.

And, Unless the said Defendant, William E. Gordon, shall be and appear in the Circuit Court within and for the County of Scott, in the State of Missouri, at the next regular term thereof, to be begun and held in the Court House in the Town of Benton, Scott County, Missouri, on the Second Monday in March, A. D. 1938, to-wit Monday, March 14th, 1938, and shall then and there, before the Judge of said Circuit Court, answer or otherwise plead to Plaintiff's petition in said cause, the said petition will be taken as by said Defendant confessed and judgment will be rendered as prayed in the Plaintiff's petition.

It is Further Ordered, That a copy hereof be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Sikeston Standard, a newspaper of general circulation published in Scott County, Missouri, the last insertion thereof to be at least fifteen days before the first day of the said March Term, 1938, of this Court, to which this cause is returnable.

L. J. PFEFFERKORN,
Circuit Clerk.

A true copy from the record.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have affixed the seal of said Court at office in Benton, Missouri, this 21st day of January, A. D. 1938.
(SEAL)

L. J. PFEFFERKORN,
Circuit Clerk.
Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15.

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AND POPS

register, in its issue last week, published which carries the punch of a thundering letter:

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old gossling was a girl, 15.

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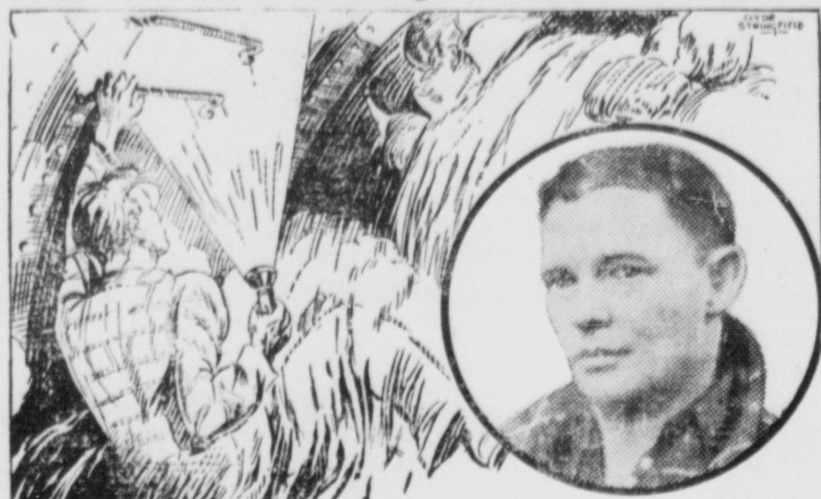
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Beam of Light and a Lucky Grab Save Man Racing to Sea in Sewer



SWEET seaward through a city sewer by tons of water which had burst a barricade of bags, James Clarke, New York "sand hog," owes his life to a small flash light and a chance grab at the rungs of a manhole ladder as he was hurtled along, 30 feet underground, toward the waters of Jamaica Bay.

Clarke was one of a crew ordered to repair a leak in the main sewer line at Jamaica Bay way of preparation for the repairs, the men erected sandbag barriers on each side of the leak. The plan was to dry out a 250-foot section between the barricades with compressed air, forcing out the water through the break in the pipe. The break would then be closed with a tough, quick-drying cement.

Soon after the air was turned on, the men found that they were making no headway. The pressure necessary to force out the water was so great that air kept escaping through the sand barricades. Clarke thereupon went down to stop these leaks. He carried a bag of clay and a vacuum to stuff into the chinks be-

tween the bags. He had been at it only a few minutes when the upper barricade, where he was working, burst. In an instant he was lifted off his feet and plunged headlong in a wall of water which moved with such force that it carried out the second barricade as soon as it hit it. Beaten by the bags and half drowned, Clarke fought to keep atop the flood as it picked up speed and began to rise toward the roof of the sewer line.

A few seconds more and the sewer would have been filled," said Clarke. "And if my flashlight hadn't kept on working, I never would have seen that manhole ladder. My jobs underground make me dependent on that kind of a light, and so I take no chances. I test it before I go down, and I always make sure that the batteries are fresh when I put them in. But how a small light, soaked and pounded around as that was could stand up is more than I can explain. At that, I was just able to grab the ladder as I went by and I almost pulled my arm out trying to haul myself up."

Clarke's escape according to fellow workers, is unique. Invariably such an accident dooms "the man below," who is drowned and also sometimes crushed by barricade materials.

the time has come to give it careful study, so Missouri may claim its share of the golden stream which now flows along the highways of the United States and Canada.

"Based on an estimated annual influx of 541,880 foreign cars to Missouri, the figures for 1934, and an average expenditure of \$56.82 per car, there would be a total annual expenditure of approximately \$25,000,000 by tourists.

"Missouri is not a midsummer tourist state, like Michigan or Wisconsin, but it has attractions equal or superior to either, as well as a much longer season.

FATHER-SON BANQUET OF JAYSEES TUESDAY

The Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Father-and-Son banquet on Tuesday, Feb. 8. Jaysees who cannot bring fathers will bring some older friend.

BEEF AND PORK HAVE DISTINCTIVE FLAVOR

Blindfolded judges were asked to identify different kinds of meat

in the course of a series of studies on meat flavor, carried on by the United States Department of Agriculture in cooperation with various State experiment stations. These judges, it was found, could more often identify beef and pork correctly than chicken, veal, lamb, or rabbit. In other words the special flavors and texture of beef and pork were more easily distinguished than those of other meats.

STATE CAPITOL NEWS REEL

The State Social Security Commission has authorized a relief allotment for February of \$514,172, of which amount \$165,500 will go to St. Louis and \$348,672 to Kansas City. All employees of the new Missouri Unemployment Compensation Commission will have to take merit examinations on a non-partisan basis, as is required by federal law. James H. Linton of Lexington has been named by Governor Stark as general counsel of the State Public Service Commission to succeed James P. Boyd of Paris, whose term had expired. The State Conservation Commission plans to

launch its forestry program March 1, according to Director Irwin T. Bode, who stated that employment of a State Forester would be the first step. Tom Scott, deputy warden at the state penitentiary for the past five years, has announced his resignation, effective early in March. Missouri's new probation and parole system will be in full operation about March 1, when the 13 field officers who will supervise the conduct of released convicts will be assigned throughout the State. Robert C. Edson, secretary of the board has announced. Missouri school systems have taken advantage of WPA facilities and increased revenues to modernize many old buildings and convert them into parts of education plants that will continue in service for many years to come, according to Lloyd W. King, state superintendent of schools. A new high record of fish production was reached by the state's hatcheries in 1937, with a total output of 3,087,442 fish for distribution in public waters, Dr. G. B. Herndon, chief of hatcheries for the State Conservation Commission, reports. Contributions to the state unemployment compensation fund have passed the \$11,000,000 the commission estimated would be produced by the 1.8 per cent tax on 1937 payrolls, reaching \$11,018,492. William R. Taylor of Fulton has been elected as steward of the Missouri School for the Deaf at Fulton, succeeding E. S. Dunlop, resigned. George B. Strother, assistant attorney general, died January 28 in a Jefferson City hospital following a brief illness. The State Supreme Court has outlawed the noose in Missouri, ruling that all executions in the future should be by the use of the electric chair. Efficiency and not politics will enable employees of the social security commission to hold their jobs, George L. Hawthorn, social security administrator, warned district supervisors and members of the state staff at a recent meeting in Jefferson City.

The Christians observe Sunday; the Greeks, Monday; the Persians, Tuesday; the Assyrians, Wednesday; the Egyptians, Thursday; the Turks, Friday; and the Jews, Saturday.

Charleston News

Miss Mary Neal Corbitt, of St. Louis, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Corbitt.

Mrs. Hugh Wilson, of Poplar Bluff, was the week end guest of Mrs. J. B. Forbey.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckner Ragsdale and Miss Frances Atteberry returned Tuesday night from a two days visit in St. Louis.

Mrs. Clifford Brown, of Osceola, Ark., was the guest of Mrs. Hardy Shelby on Friday, while her little son, William, spent the day with his grandmother, Mrs. Rinda Scott.

Mrs. Joe Moore, Mrs. Mary Moore, and Miss Nadine Moore spent Wednesday in St. Louis.

Mrs. Chas. Hequembourg left Tuesday for Woodward, Okla., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Jeff Lunsford, and Mr. Lunsford, and little daughter.

Mrs. C. E. Poage of Sikeston, mother of Robert Poage and former resident of this city, is reported to be improving at her home at 315 Kathleen Street, Sikeston. Mrs. Poage had the misfortune to fall some seven weeks ago on the ice while visiting in Oran, and has since been confined to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goosby, of Elaine, Ark., were week end guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mander Carr. They were accompanied here by Miss Rita Carr, who was returning home from a several weeks visit at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Friedman are visiting in St. Louis this week.

Rev. D. D. Ellis, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, has announced the following subjects for the month of February: 6, "Secure Investments"; Feb. 13, "Humanity's Greatest Need"; Feb. 20, "Society's Greatest Need"; Feb. 27, "The Church's Unfinished Job." Services are held each Sunday morning. Sunday School is at 9:30. Morning worship is at 11 a. m. The public is cordially invited to attend. Dean Myers of Southeast Missouri State Teachers' College, Cape Girardeau, was the guest speaker last Sunday

morning and delivered a very fine address.

Woman's Club To Meet With Mrs. C. L. Blanton Sr.

The Sikeston Woman's Club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 15, at the home of Mrs. C. L. Blanton Sr., with Mrs. J. W. Foley and Mrs. L. R. Burns as assistant hostesses.

BULLDOGS OPEN SERIES OF JOURNEYS THIS WEEK

After a home stand of three weeks in succession, the Sikeston Bulldogs will open a "road schedule" Tuesday, Feb. 8, night against Gideon High School there. It will be three weeks since the boys of Coach Vernon Green played on Tuesday night, as they have been on a game-a-week schedule lately. They go back on the double time playing starting this week, and with the expectation of an open date on Friday, Feb. 18, play an uninterrupted series away from home until Fruitland comes here Feb. 25.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI DENTISTS END MEETING

The Southeast Missouri Dental Association closed a two-day session Thursday at Cape Girardeau by electing Dr. V. H. Lincoln of Dexter president and choosing Caruthersville for the 1938 meeting. Dr. L. O. Newport of Malden was elected vice-president and Dr. L. O. Wisecarver of Malden secretary.

FAMOUS REMARKS

John Paul Jones, Battle of Bon Homme Richard and Serapis, September 23, 1779—"I have not yet begun to fight."

Oliver Hazard Perry, Battle of Lake Erie, September 10, 1813—"We have met the enemy and they are ours."

James Lawrence, Battle of Chesapeake and Shannon, June 1,

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1813—"Don't give up the ship." David G. Farragut, Battle of Mobile Bay, August 5, 1864—"Damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead."

George Dewey, Battle of Manila Bay, May 1, 1898—"Fire when you are ready, Gridley."

RECREATION CENTER OPENS TO PUBLIC

The recreation center supervised by the WPA opened to the public Friday afternoon in the basement of the Peoples Bank building. Shuffleboard and ping pong occupied the chief attention.



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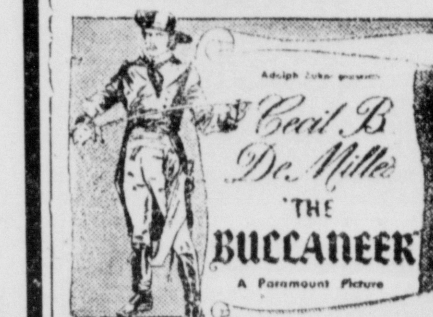


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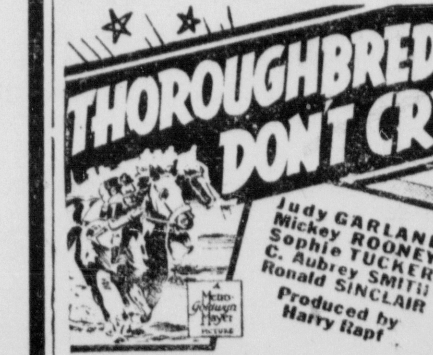
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Expressions From Without

To the editor: Since the month of February has been designated as "Go to Church month", I presume it would be in order for me to write something appropriate for the occasion.

While I am not affiliated with those religious bodies that are sponsoring this movement, I am likewise interested in seeing my fellowman improve his ways.

The fact that it has become necessary to launch a movement of this kind, tells us that all is not well with the world. In fact the world is very very sick, it seems to be suffering from religious insomnia.

It doesn't seem to appear to religious folks that there is an "effect" there is always a "cause" and the way to reach the effect, is to treat the cause. This is a recognized principle, and it applies to religion as well as any thing else.

Therefore it is my intention that this article deal with the cause that produces this effect. It is not hard to locate the cause if we understand the Scriptures and have a fair knowledge of religious history. I will now take you back to the beginning of the Christian religion.

In the beginning Gods Will to man was made known through inspired men, the Apostles and Elders. If a man was interested and wanted to know anything about Gods Will it was necessary for them to assemble themselves together so the inspired man could impart that knowledge unto them. This method of imparting Gods Will to man lasted only a few



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After purchasing the remainder of the Frank Lair Jr. department in Charleston amounting to \$8000.00 we find our stock is top heavy—in fact so heavy it can't be properly stored in our present building.

It has therefore become imperative that a lot of it BE SOLD QUICKLY. To do that prices must be sharply reduced—"ripshagged" to use a slang word—cut and cut again to make sure of results.

That is exactly what is being done all down the line on every item in the store except electrical appliances which we sell under contract. I am making this mild statement of fact because I would like to have every friend of the store share in these savings and I do want them to know the opportunity to do so is both unusual and of short duration.

There are just twenty-one business days in which we expect to move this amazing surplus so please act promptly and be patient with us on deliveries.

Respectfully,

F. D. LAIR.

Speedy Jackson Team Goes Wild, Beats Bulldogs, 44-27

Behind a furious assault that netted them 24 points the third quarter, the Jackson Indians smashed through the defenses of the Sikeston High School Bulldogs and chalked up a 44-27 victory here Friday night.

Coach Elmer Seefeld's men, losers but twice this season displayed a speed and shooting ability not seen on the local court this season. His men led all the way, although in the first half play was comparatively close.

Jackson took the lead in a modest way and held it at the first quarter mark, 8-1. Sikeston held the edge the second period and the half came with the Indians' lead cut down, 14-9.

Then came the colossal third period. Paced by Jack Obermiller, the Indians ran amuck and all but made the hoop cords smoke in the devastating scoring spree. When it was over, Jackson had a comfortable 20-point lead of 38-18. Sikeston came back somewhat after this and held the upper hand in scoring, but the damage was done.

In the early part of the game Jackson had difficulty cracking the Sikeston defense and had to resort to long shots, relying on Milton Nothdurft, 6-foot-3-inches center, to follow up.

Jackson's ability to wrest the ball from Bulldog players was almost uncanny. Time and again the Indians, particularly Obermiller, speared passes intended for Sikeston players and were off for the goal with no one behind them. The Indians showed an unbeatable stamina, and did not slow up speed to rest for an instant.

Buddy Aldridge, whose size came in handy in this battle, was playing top form. Swaim's floor work equalled Jackson's best, and Long topped the local scoring with 10 points. For Jackson, Obermiller scored 13 points.

Sikeston FB FT PF TP Long, f 4 2 1 10 Davis, f 1 0 4 2

So it is with religious doctors who do not treat the cause, some might say and think they have treated the cause, but the effect is speaking for itself. It has not been reached. If men would read and study the scriptures today and study them right, this would place them on an equal with the people at the beginning of the Christian religion, there is no difference between the written and the spoken word so far as power is concerned one is just as powerful as the other.

When the spoken word was administered man got just what applied to him. If he was a child of the Devil he was told just what to do to become a child of God. If he was a child of God and erred he was told just what to do that his sin would be forgiven him.

Both the laws of God, that is the law or Will of God that is applicable to the child of the devil and the law or Will of God that is applicable to the child of God error is contained in the scriptures.

Therefore in reading the scripture today, it is common for man to apply the right scripture to the wrong man. It is a very common thing to see a preacher stand in the pulpit and exhort children of the devil to obey Gods law that was given to Gods children. While the law that was given to the children of the devil is ignored all together.

At that would be necessary for them to correct this error would be for them to consider whom it was addressed to. It sums up to this, in the beginning men assembled themselves together to learn the Will of God, but today men learn the Will of God and as a result assemble themselves together worship God and learn more by more study.

Note that I did not say go to church as that is a corruption of language and should never be said, but often I make that mistake along with other people.

But we never read in the Bible where any one ever went to church, inspired men did not make this mistake.—G. W. Anderson.

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Score by periods: Sikeston 8 9 9—27 Jackson 8 6 24 6—44 Referee—L. L. Scheutte (Central Wesleyan).

Fairview Community Club Mrs. Arch Russell will be hostess to the regular meeting of the Fairview Community Club, Wednesday afternoon, February 9, and all members are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Duncan and daughter, Miss Esther, spent Sunday in Oran with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Duncan.

Miss Lucille Moll, who has been employed as a telephone operator in the local office for the past several months was transferred to the Poplar Bluff office last week.

Mrs. John Dill of Carbondale, Ill., spent the week end in Sikeston with her sisters, Mrs. L. D. Randol and Mrs. Ben Welter.

Judge W. H. Carter, who had been in Carbondale for some time, accompanied his daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Phillips returned home Monday evening after a trip to the Hawaiian Islands and California. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips left Sikeston on the 26th of December, accompanied by Mrs. C. D. Matthews Jr., who will remain in California for several weeks before returning home.

C. C. Buchanan drove William Conley of near Oran, to Golconda, Ill. Saturday afternoon, to attend the funeral of the latter's grandmother, which occurred at Palestine, Ill. Sunday.

Billy Karner of Dundee, Mich., is visiting his cousin, B. J. Murback.

Mrs. C. C. Buchanan and Mrs. Wm. Cotton visited the former's cousin, Dr. B. K. Flanery, in Poplar Bluff, last week.

Ben F. Carroll Jr. spent the week end in Poplar Bluff.

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Junior Woman's Club Meets Tuesday Afternoon

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Steve Applegate Elected Vice Pres. Boys' League

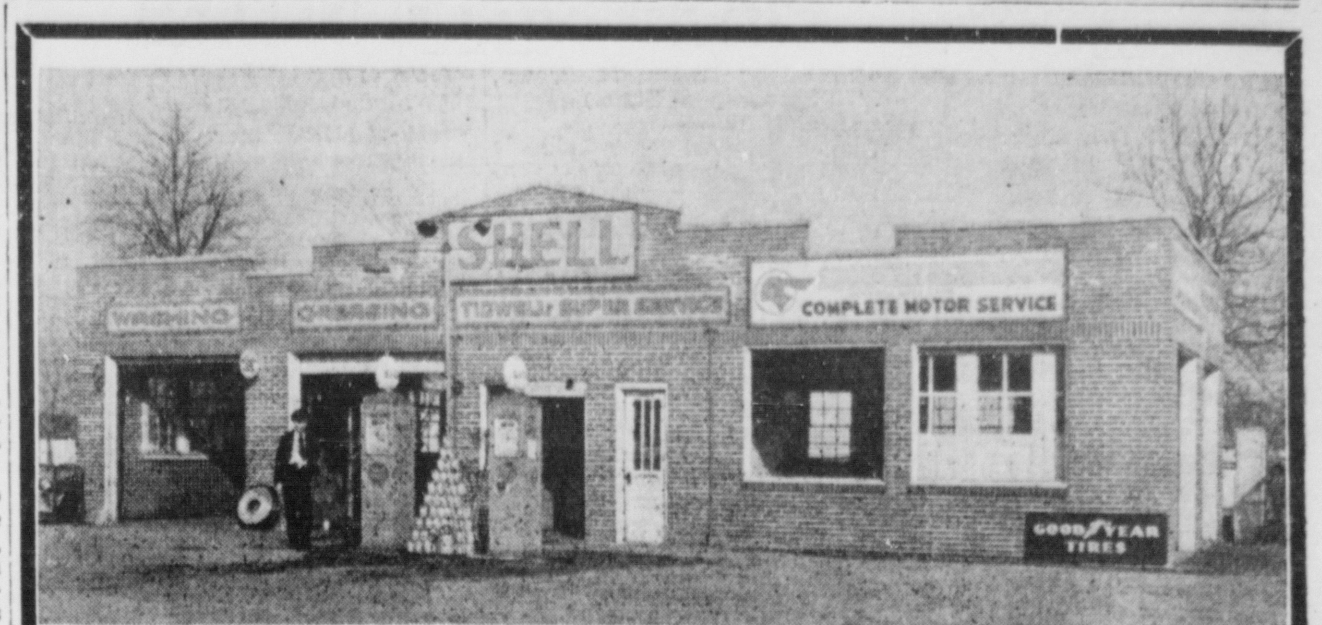
Steve Applegate came to Gove from Keller 7B. He has held class and home room offices. He has won scholarship, citizenship, special service, athletic and track meet awards. He is also in Honor Society and is known for his friendly manner and glowing personality.

The above is an expert from the Gove Arrow, a high school publication in Denver, Colo. The young man is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Applegate who, with their family, resided in Sikeston until six years ago.

BEN-JON SOCIETY

A business meeting of the Ben-Jon Missionary Society will be held this (Monday) evening at the home of Mrs. J. H. Hayden Jr. on Kathleen Avenue.

Miss Flavia Carroll is visiting her aunt, Mrs. H. S. Hulén, in St. Louis this week.



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An organized bobcat hunt to rid the section of predators will be staged on Friday morning, beginning at 8 o'clock, at Blomeyer's Junction north of Chaffee, Conservation Agent John Soutie told the Standard Monday. Experienced hunters with shotguns and hounds are invited. No police or shepherd dogs will be allowed, as they resemble wolves too closely, and wolves will be hunted also. Rifles or pistols are barred.



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PROSPERITY NOTES

(Compiled by Dwight H. Brown, Secretary of State.)

Income received by individuals in the United States last year rose to \$67,534,000,000 from \$63,984,000,000 in 1936, a gain of 5.5 per cent, the National Industrial Conference Board reports. Last year, it was found, \$61,325,000,000 was derived from producing industries and regular government services. The rest came from such sources as pensions and government payments to farmers. Salaries and wages, the board said, amounted to \$42,400,000,000, or 69 per cent of the total, an increase of 11 per cent over 1936, when the total was \$38,109,000,000.

Class 1 railroads added 75,059 freight cars to their rolling stock last year, the largest number of purchased, manufactured or rebuilt cars to be placed on the rails since 1930, according to the Association of American Railroads. That compared with a total of 43,941 cars in 1936 and only 8,903 in 1935. Last year 373 steam locomotives were placed in service, the most since 1930 and compared with 87 in 1936 and 40 in 1935. Seventy-seven electric and Diesel locomotives were installed in 1937, against 34 in 1936 and 102 in 1935.

Residential and non-residential building in the first half of January, as measured by contracts awarded, showed reductions of 25 to 50 per cent when compared both with the second half of December and with the first half of January a year ago. Heavy construction, however, showed such a striking advance as to bring the total of construction contracts awarded well above the other two fortnightly periods. Public works and utility contracts made this difference.

Income figures of the Rock Island Lines for the year 1937 made public by E. M. Durham, Jr., chief executive officer, showed gross revenue of \$81,643,250, an increase of \$3,577,000, as compared with 1936. The 1937 gross is the greatest since 1931. Freight revenue increased \$2,709,000, and passenger revenue increased \$742,000 over 1936. Operation of streamlined rocket trains, which was started in the latter part of September, adds to the passenger revenue. Net railway operating income of \$4,458,707 is shown for 1937, as compared with \$1,000,681 for 1936.

The nation's candy manufacturers, the Commerce Department announces, reported sales of \$254,000,000 during 1937, or 6 per cent more than in 1936.

Steel activity may be called the No. 1 business index, for the promptness of its publication, the importance of the industry, and its sensitiveness as a reflector of general demand, says the magazine Business Week. Operations for the final January week were lifted by another 10 per cent, being scheduled at 32.7 per cent of capacity in the fourth successive increase. No one expects the rise to continue at so steady a pace, but, regardless of intermediate reactions, higher levels are certain to be seen.

An increase of 6 per cent in department store sales for the first three weeks of January, as compared with the corresponding period in 1937, was a cheerful note in the monthly report of the Federal Reserve bank of Kansas City made public recently. The report contains the final figures for 1937, showing department store sales for the year up 3 per cent over the 1936 total. The gain was accounted for in part by the increase in prices. The bank's report indicated December or Christmas business in the retail stores was down 9 per cent as compared with December, 1936. The report shows wholesale trade was up 7 per cent in 1937 over 1936. Another favorable factor in this territory was the increase of 8 per cent in cash farm income last year over 1936.

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structural steel industry during 1937 totaled 1,628,641 tons, an increase of a little more than 1 per cent over 1,609,016 tons in 1936, the American Institute of Steel Construction reports. Shipments in 1937 amounted to 1,660,570 tons, or 59.2 per cent of normal (yearly average of 1928-31), and compared with 1,548,205 tons in the preceding year.

Expenditure of \$7,621,153 for improvement of the right of way and rolling stock of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and six subsidiaries has been authorized by Federal Judge Moore on application of Guy A. Thompson, trustee of the road, in its reorganization proceedings. By the terms of the order \$7,008,973 will be expended on the Missouri Pacific property.

Despite the sharp decline recorded in the closing months of 1937, business operations were maintained at a greater average rate than in 1936, a result made possible by the continued high levels which characterized the period from January through May, says the 1937 annual review of the Administrative and Research Corporation. It shows a business increase of 8.7 per cent during 1937 as compared with the previous year. Its survey of trends in business, as contrasted with the like 1936 months, follows:

Automobiles—Automobile and truck production amounted to approximately 5,000,000 units in 1937 and was exceeded only in 1929 when 5,621,715 units were turned out.

Building—Building contracts awarded in the 37 Eastern states during 1937 amounted to about three billion dollars, an increase of nearly 12 per cent over the \$2.67 billions of new construction contracted for in 1936, says the F. W. Dodge Corp. Sharp gains were made, particularly in residential building, in the first six months, but contracts in the last half-year were about 2 per cent under the 1936 record.

Chemicals—Chemical output for 1937 was about 16 per cent greater than in 1936, with the result that many of the chemical companies will probably report record-breaking full-year earnings.

Containers—Both the metal and glass divisions of the container industry moved forward during 1937 to record production volumes. Over-all can output was 10 to 15 per cent above that of the previous year. The glass container division reports total shipments some 15 per cent in excess of the 1936 record.

Electrical Equipment—Electrical equipment manufacturers just completed their best year since the 1929-1930 period. Marked by a sharp revival in heavy equipment orders, aggregate sales for the industry rose 35 to 40 per cent over 1936. Motors and generators, electric trucks and heavy crane sales were up 40 to 65 per cent, while the appliance division, vacuum cleaners, refrigerators and other equipment realized gains varying from 10 to 20 per cent over a year ago.

Machinery—Industrial machinery and farm equipment manufacturers in 1937 completed their best year since 1929. In fact, several divisions, such as farm equipment, machine tools and air-conditioning equipment established new all-time records. The American farmer purchased some \$520 millions worth of equipment as against \$409 millions in 1936 and the 1929 peak of \$458 millions. Machine tool builders enjoyed a volume some 35 to 40 per cent over the previous year while the demand for air-conditioning equipment moved up 45 per cent over 1936 totals.

Merchandizing—Total retail sales during 1937 are estimated to have increased 6 per cent over the preceding year. Benefiting from increased farm income, greater employment and higher wages, sales of mail-order companies rose about 14 per cent, grocery chains and department stores 7 per cent and variety chains 4½ per cent.

Oils—Consumption of petroleum and its products during 1937 rose to new record levels and profits were better than in any year since 1929.

Public Utilities—Continuance of residential and commercial sales at high levels served to offset the sharp curtailment in industrial power requirements, with the result that electric energy output in the fourth quarter managed to exceed that for the similar months of 1936. The advance in the December quarter amounted to less than 1 per cent, however, while the year's output topped power production in 1936 by 6.7 per cent.

Railroads—The favorable trend of railroad earnings so clearly apparent in the first few months of 1937 was suddenly reversed by a falling-off in traffic and a rapid rise in operating costs. Not income, which in the first six months rose \$81,500,000 above the comparable 1936 level is estimated to have dropped \$145,000,000 in the second half of the year under the influence of higher wage and material costs.

Steels—Full-year operations averaged 72.4 per cent of capacity, against 68.4 per cent the year before.

SMALL ROOF FIRE

Fire around a chimney on the roof of Justice Jos. W. Myers' home, 311 North New Madrid, brought out firemen at noon Monday. Damage was slight.

The Sikeston Standard \$2 per year

TRUMAN AND CLARK OPPOSE CUT IN FEDERAL ROAD AID

Washington, Feb. 6.—Opposition to the President's proposed reduction of 50 per cent in the allotment of federal aid to the road funds of the various states was expressed here today by Senator Harry S. Truman and Senator Bennett C. Clark took a similar position, but with final decision reserved until it has been determined what form the reduction will assume.

Truman said he was flatly opposed to the proposal because he felt it would work an injustice on the states, including Missouri, which, in the anticipation of certain amounts of federal aid, had mapped out their road program for the next two years.

"If there is to be any reduction in this allotment," Truman said, "it should come two years from now. The various states, including my own, have proceeded through their legislatures and highway commissions to map out their programs in the anticipation of specific grants from the Federal Government. If these are reduced now without warning, it will put these states in an embarrassing position."

Gleaners Class To Have Bake Sale February 12

The Gleaners Class of the Methodist church will have a bake sale on Friday, February 12, in the Dr. Handy Smith Building formerly occupied by the Ladies Toggery. Sandwiches and coffee will be served at the noon hour. For any special orders of cakes, pastries, candies, etc., phone Mrs. E. J. Keith, at 236.

FACTS ABOUT CAKE BAKING By Marian Van

There are two types of cake—sponge cakes and butter cakes. Sponge cakes are made without butter or shortening while the other type requires butter or similar shortening.

Flour which has become moist will give poor baking results. Spread the damp flour in shallow pans and dry it well in a very slow oven before using it in baking. Care must be used not to let the flour brown.

For best results the ingredients for a cake—flour, eggs, etc.—should be at room temperature. Besides, the shortening and sugar mixture is much easier to cream thoroughly and the result is a tender, moist cake.

Properly beaten egg whites for cakes just hold their shape. They are glossy and have a moist rather than a dull and dry appearance. When the egg whites are added last to a cake they are lightly but thoroughly blended into the mixture after the flour and milk have been added.

Too much flour or too little liquid in a cake batter results in a tough, coarse cake.

When a cake is done it is a delicate brown, has shrunk slightly from the edge of the pan and when pressed lightly with the finger tips springs back and leaves no mark on the surface.

Good ingredients make good cakes. Fine white flour and granulated sugar are essential to good cake baking. For especially fine cakes, cake flour is to be preferred. Fresh or cold stored eggs may be used.

In the case of butter cakes, the greased pans are floured to avoid a crusty surface on the bottom of the layers. Since chocolate cakes

have a tendency to burn easily, the cake pans are always greased and floured. Sponge and angel food cakes are always baked in ungreased pans.

Fruit or nut meats need not be floured before adding them to cakes when the recipe calls for them, since the batter usually contains enough flour to keep the fruit evenly distributed throughout the batter. To add fruit or nut meats to cake batter which do not call for them, either they must be floured before adding to the batter or else the amount of flour in the cake increased.

After the flour and milk have been added alternately to a butter cake, it may be well beaten if cake flour is used. There is little danger of over beating since a cake containing one cup of sugar may be beaten as much as 500 strokes with good results. Cakes with more sugar require more beating.

In adding flour to cake batter, add about one-fourth of the flour at a time, alternately with one-third of the milk or other liquid. It is best to add the flour first and then again at the last to the batter.

SOUTHERN TRADITION FOR FEBRUARY

By See Rice

To the Southerner, there are recipes as traditional as the portraits and lace handkerchiefs of their grandmothers. Needless to say these recipes made time after time by the patient, loving hands of true Southern cooks have become the height of perfection in flavor. Two traditional recipes that are always a part of the well ordered meal in the "deep South" at George Washington dinners and luncheons are "Martha Washington Cream Pie" and a fancy "Boston Cream Pie" made with

cherries, citron and other tantalizing ingredients.

Martha Washington Cream Pie

Sponge Cake
6 eggs
½ cup orange juice
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1½ cups sugar
1½ cups soft wheat flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
¾ teaspoon salt

Beat egg yolks until they are thick and lemon colored. Add fruit juice to yolks alternately with ¾ cup of the sugar. Beat egg whites stiff but not dry and add the remaining sugar to them. Sift flour, measure, and add baking powder and salt. Fold beaten whites into yolk mixture gradually. Add flour gradually, being careful that the amount is thoroughly incorporated each time. Bake in two ungreased round layer pans 30 minutes in slow oven (300°F.). Cool in the pans.

Filling for Martha Washington and Boston Cream Pies

1½ cups milk
1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons soft wheat flour
3 egg yolks
2 tablespoons gelatin
¾ cup cold water
½ cup liquor (rum, brandy or whiskey)
½ cup crystallized cherries
1 cup chopped citron
1 cup whipped cream

Scald milk. Add sugar and flour to beaten egg yolks. Add to scalded milk and cook over hot water until eggs are thoroughly done. Remove from fire. Add gelatin which has been soaked in the cold water. Dissolve thoroughly. Chill. Add liquor, beat with rotary beater and chill again. Cut cherries and citron in small pieces and fold the fruit and cream into the mixture. Pile between layers of Sponge Cake and top with whipped cream to make Martha Washington Cream Pie.

Boston Cream Pie
2 cups soft wheat flour
1 teaspoon salt
8 tablespoons shortening

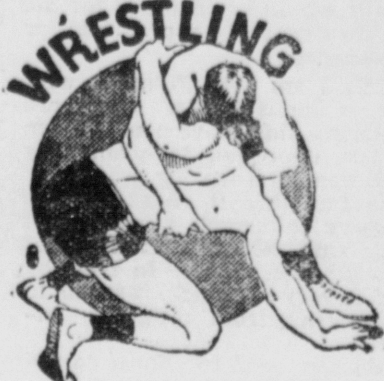
4 tablespoons cold water
Sift flour, measure, add salt. Cut shortening into flour mixture in rather large granules. Add water gradually. Mix into a very dry dough. Toss on floured cloth, roll and fold until the dough is smooth. Line a pie pan with pastry. Bake 12 to 15 minutes in hot oven (450°F.). (Fill baked pastry shell with filling used in Martha Washington Cream Pie.) Top with whipped cream if desired.

The county court is to be congratulated upon the stand it took in refusing to let the contract to re-dig ditch No. 37 last Monday, although it may have inconvenienced many people, yet the interest of the parties living along and owning lands in District 37 is of such great importance that their interests should not be trifled with. The sooner the county court gets rid of its foreign engineers and hires engineers from Stoddard County who will do what the Stoddard county County Court wants and not what somebody off somewhere else wants done, the better the interests of Stoddard County will be served and the less criticism the court will have.—Bloomfield Vindicator.

An insurance company wrote out a \$1,000 life policy in the name of one Samuel Johnson, colored. Premiums were paid promptly for a few years but suddenly stopped. After sending a few

defunct notices, the company received this reply:
"Dear sirs: Please excuse us as we can't pay no more premiums on Sam. He died las May."

"Are you going to take this lying down?" boomed the candidate. "Of course not," said a voice from the rear of the hall, "the shorthand reporters are doing that."



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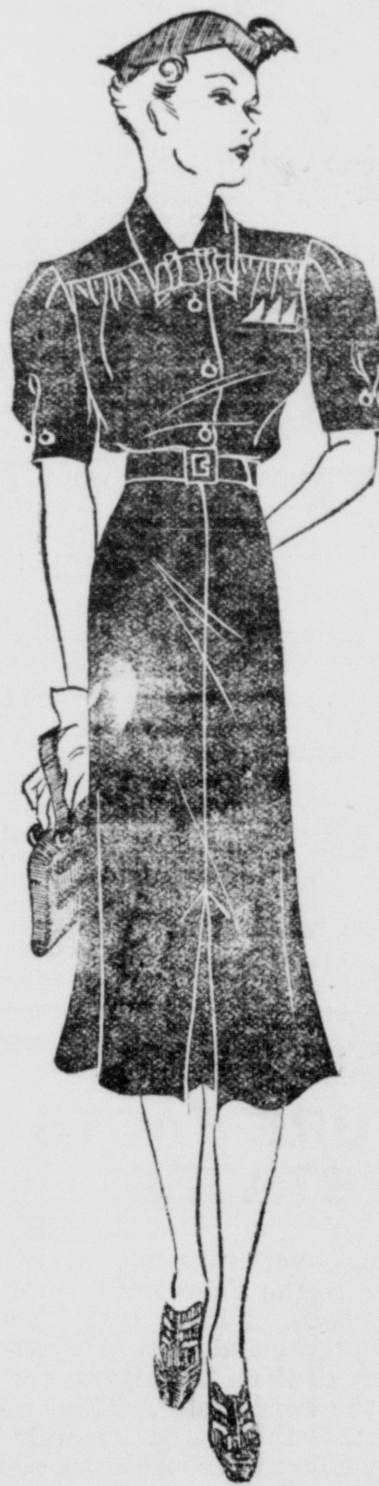
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